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Member, Kit and Method Relating Thereto

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents for filing in the subject patent
application:

Letter;
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LETTER

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Sir:

The undersigned was contacted by phone by Examiner Kevin Thao Truong on November 2, 2007 and informed that no Amendment responsive to the Office Action dated April 25, 2007 was timely filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. To the contrary, an Amendment responsive to the Office Action was timely filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as evidenced by the copy of the stamped postcard receipt enclosed herewith along with a copy of the Amendment. Please note that the Amendment was deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on July 23, 2007, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office date stamp on the return receipt postcard is July 30, 2007.

Since the Amendment was timely filed, the subject application should not be considered to be abandoned, and the Amendment should be considered by the Examiner.

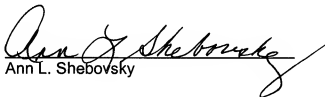
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No additional fees are required as indicated below:

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